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NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

NCCEM PERFORMS OFF-SCENARIO AT JORDAN LAKE

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, NC Emergency Management (NCCEM) along with other State and Local Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) agencies participated in an off-scenario activity associated with the Harris Nuclear Power Plant exercise.

This off-scenario activity was just one among many other off-scenario activities held through-out the week leading up to the Harris Nuclear Power Plant drill on March 3rd.



“The off-scenario component of the REP exercise provides local emergency management officials an excellent opportunity to directly view different responses segments not easily seen from the local Emergency Operations Center,” said Corey Johnson, NCCEM REP Program

Planner.



This activity also marked the integration of the North Carolina SHP Aviation Unit into the Alert & Notification activity to perform air surveillance and communicate evacuation orders to citizens on the water.

“The bi-annual REP exercise give the response organizations surrounding each of the nuclear power facilities in North Carolina the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to respond in the same manner as they would if an emergency ever does happen,” said Steve Payne, NCCEM REP Program Manager. “It has been shown nationally through these exercises that the communities surrounding a nuclear power facility are better prepared for any emergency.”



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Agencies involved were required to demonstrate Alert & Notification, also know as Lake & Waterway Warning of citizens using the lakes and rivers within the 10 Mile Emergency Planning Zone of the Harris Nuclear Power Plant. One of the largest areas to clear is Jordan Lake, west of Apex, NC.

The purpose of the Lake & Waterway activity was to demonstrate to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) evaluators that emergency response teams could effectively evacuate Jordan Lake within 45 minutes.

The agencies participating in the activity were NCCEM, Progress Energy,

Wake County, Lee County, Harnett County and Chatham County Emergency Management, NC State Highway Patrol (SHP), NC Park and Recreation, NC State Emergency Response Team, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, United States Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA.

REPETITIVE FLOOD CLAIMS (RFC) FY 2008
GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Federal Emergency Management Agency notified the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) that Beaufort County, Craven County, Edgecombe County, the Town of Grifton and the City of Winston-Salem were approved for Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) mitigation grant funding totaling \$1,063,316.

The RFC grant program provides 100 % Federal funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program that have had one or more claim payments for flood damages.

The funding amounts and project descriptions are as follows:

Beaufort County (*Elevation of two residential structures*) **\$175,746.00.**
Craven County (*Elevation of one residential structure*) **\$106,721.00.**
Edgecombe County (*Acquisition of one residential structure*) **\$223,180.00.**
Town of Grifton (*Acquisition of one residential structure*) **\$345,960.00.**
City of Winston-Salem (*Acquisition of one residential structure*) **\$211,709.00.**

For more information, contact Steve Powers of the NCEM's Hazard Mitigation Section at 919-715-8000 ext.268 or spowers@ncem.org.

SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS (SRL) FY 2008
GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Federal Emergency Management Agency notified the Division of Emergency Management that the Town of Carolina Beach, Carteret County, Town of Sunset Beach and Beaufort County are approved for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) FY 2008 mitigation grant funding totaling \$1,019,408.

The Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) grant program provides up to 90% Federal funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to severe repetitive loss residential structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The definition of severe repetitive loss is a residential property that is covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and has at least four NFIP claim payments over \$5,000 each or for which at least two separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount the claims exceeding the market value of the building. A local share match is required for participation in this grant program.

Award recipients are as follows:

Town of Carolina Beach (*Elevation of one residential structure*) **\$133,524**
Carteret County (*Elevation of two residential structures*) **\$439,875**
Town of Sunset Beach (*Elevation of one residential structure*) **\$112,797**
Beaufort County (*Elevation of four residential structures*) **\$333,212**

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPAREDNESS FOR ESSENTIAL RECORDS PROJECT

The Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) project is run nationally by the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) through a \$2.6 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All 50 states and US territories are participating. IPER will develop and deliver training to state and local governments that will prepare them to protect records before, during, and after disasters and other emergencies. A special focus of this training will be on records that are essential for the resumption of government operations. These essential records are a critical part of Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Business Continuity Planning (BCP) planning and response. All training will be delivered through webinars and via self-paced instruction on compact discs.

IPER computer is a three-year program that will benefit business continuity and continuity of operations planning for departments and agencies. The IPER team which is NC Division of Emergency Management, NC Information Technology Services (ITS), and the North Carolina State Archives (Dept. of Cultural Resources), has begun marketing the program across statewide user groups. If you have any questions about the identification and protection of vital records in your agency, or if you have questions about the IPER project in North Carolina, please feel free to contact project leader Sarah Koonts at (919) 807-7339 or sarah.koonts@ncdcr.gov.

NCDEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEMA'S COST-TO-CAPABILITY PILOT



FEMA

North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCDEM) has agreed to participate in FEMA's Cost-To-Capability pilot initiative. In Spring 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) announced a new strategic grants initiative - the "Cost-to-Capability (C2C) Initiative" - designed to aid State and local grantees in their grant investment planning and management activities. The purpose of this initiative is to



examine methods by which GPD and grantees can more effectively measure the results achieved (such as increased preparedness capability levels) through the use of GPD preparedness grant program awards. As part of this initiative, GPD is launching a "C2C Pilot" to provide State and local grantees an opportunity to test and provide feedback on the core components of the C2C prototype (analytical framework). By participation in the pilot, NCDEM is provided with the opportunity to:

- Test the C2C Prototype, which is capability return-on-investment model designed to support grantees in investment planning and effective management of a state or locality's portfolio of grant awards.
- Make data-driven decision on how to allocate limited resources among preparedness capabilities
- Use local preparedness priorities to develop optimal investment strategies across all grant programs applications.
- Quantify the outcomes achieved through the use of current and future grant program investment.
- Provide feedback on how the C2C Prototype and related implementation approaches and guidance can be improved to best serve the needs of GPD's grantees.

The C2C Pilot is scheduled to begin in June 2009.

"NCDEM desperately needs a more quantitative approach to identifying and allocating funds. It's where the [NCDEM's] Strategic Plan is heading," said Ed Jenkins, NCDEM Information and Plans Manager. "Our soon to be developed Management Review Program, even though focused on Current Operations, can incorporate data that will support how we program future dollars. These two programs -- Strategic Plan and Management Review -- support each other."

For more information, contact Gary Faltinowski at 919-715-9204 or gfaltinowski@ncem.org.

VIPER SITE ACTIVATIONS

Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials from multiple agencies to communicate with one another on a single radio system. Public safety officials in North Carolina should be able to communicate directly with other public safety officials without having to relay the message through a communications center. When put in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls and large scale disasters. For more information on VIPER: <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000001,001148> or contact Captain Alan Melvin, NC State Highway Patrol at (919) 662-4440 or amelvin@ncshp.org. The following VIPER sites have been established and are now operational:

- **Clingman's Peak in Yancey County.**
- **Reidsville in Rockingham County.**
- **Wentworth in Rockingham County.**
- **Eden in Rockingham County.**
- **Mayodan in Rockingham County.** *This is the 125th VIPER site activation to date.*

NC CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS HOLDS AMBER ALERT ACTION REVIEW MEETING

On February 11th, at the State Emergency Operations Center. North Carolina Center for Missing Persons (NCCMP) held an Amber Alert Action Review meeting. Attendees discussed activations, issues and concerns of the Amber Alert and Silver Alert systems for 2008. At the meeting were representatives from NCCMP, NC Emergency Management, NC State Highway Patrol, Wake County Sheriff, Guilford County Sheriff, NC Crime Control and Public Safety (CCPS), NC Department of Transportation. A main concern was to ensure alert information collected from local law enforcement and NCCMP was complete before requesting media to interrupt their broadcasting.



2008		
	Requests	Alerts Activated
Amber Alerts	23	8
Silver Alerts	559	128



The Amber Alert program was signed into a North Carolina law in 2002 to provide a state-assisted means of recovering an child that has been abducted and is in danger of injury or death. Amber Alert is for children 17 years of age or younger. Amber Alert use to Emergency Alert System under event code CAE. Silver Alert program was signed into North Carolina law in 2007 to provide a way to quickly disseminate descriptive information about a missing person who is believed to be suffering from dementia or an other cognitive impairment. Unlike the Amber Alert Program, Silver Alert uses a media press release structure that divides North Carolina into markets. Information on a missing person can be sent to the media market near the location of disappearance or projected travel pathway. The success of both programs depends heavily on media participation, which is strictly voluntary. Both programs also use the NC Department of Transportation's overhead Dynamic Message Signs which display's alerts to motorists traveling on NC interstates & highways. For more information, contact Lois Hogan at 919-733-3557 or lhogan@ncale.org.

THE DIGITAL SWITCH IS DELAYED TILL JUNE 2009

The U.S. House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 352, the DTV Delay Act. The DTV Delay Act will delay the Digital Transition date from February 17, 2009 to June 12, 2009. The Act permits some stations to convert sooner.

The DTV Delay Act also extends the TV Converter Box Coupon Program until July 31, 2009, and requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to issue, upon request, replacement coupons for each coupon that expires without being redeemed. To find out the status of current coupon orders, registrants are encouraged to visit: <https://www.dtv2009.gov/CheckStatus.aspx>. Registrants will need to enter their reference number in order to find out the status of their coupon.

Citizen Corps Councils can support the Digital Transition by providing focused, grassroots outreach and hands-on assistance to vulnerable populations. Senior, non-English speaking and special needs populations are at risk of not understanding or being able to access Digital Transition resources and may require additional assistance purchasing and installing a DTV converter box. For more information, Contact Cory Grier, NCEM Emergency Alert System Coordinator at 919-733-3824 or Cgrier@ncem.org.

VIPER CONSOLE MEETING HELD



On February 19, 2009, a Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) console meeting was held at the State Emergency Operations Room (EOC) Command Room. Representatives from NC State Highway Patrol, NC Emergency Management, NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and NC office of Emergency Medical Services attended. Meeting objectives and their results are listed in the following table.

Objective	Result
VIPER console purchase: Walk through the purchasing process for the VIPER consoles to be located in the EOC Operations Center.	NC SHP will initiate purchase of VIPER Consoles under Existing State Contract. The funding will come from the PSIC Grant (80% Federal (\$74,000) with the remainder 20% (\$18,500) coming State funds.
Supporting Equipment Purchase : Walk through the purchasing process for Fiber Optic Cable to support the VIPER Consoles from the satellite dishes atop the Archdale building to the State EOC and other Associated equipment such as channel bank and transceivers.	NC SHP will work with NCEM to provide funding information to begin Fiber Optic cable installation. Estimate installation cost are \$24,000 and NCEM will have to buy Fiber Transceivers (\$2,000) and a Channel Bank (\$10,000).
OEMS Integration: access communication opportunities for new fiber optic cable in the OEMS break-out rooms in the EOC.	OEMS will have to evaluate the viability of maintaining their current console in their break room, upgrade to a VIPER Console or move their communications over to their headquarters.

Once all equipment objective are completed, the VIPER consoles will provide the NCEM operations center with state-wide interoperability, capability to back up two NC SHP communications Centers, capability to assign VIPER talk groups for incidents, exercise and disasters and to re-group talk groups. For more information, Contact NCEM Deputy Director Michael Sprayberry at 919-733-2931 or msprayberry@ncem.org

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Protecting Property"***

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management was formed in 1977 to coordinate the preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities of all agencies for emergency management within North Carolina. It performs this mission by planning, organizing, staffing, equipping, training, testing and activating emergency management programs during times of need.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
March 1—7, 2009	NWS Severe Weather Week	Southeastern United States
March 3—9, 2009	NC USAR Exercise	Charlotte, NC
March 4, 2009	NOAA/NWS – Tornado Drill	Statewide
March 6 - 11, 2009	NEMA Mid-Year Conference	Alexandria, VA
March 8, 2009	Daylight Savings Time Begins	---
March 8 - 13, 2009	NCEMA Spring Conference	Sunset Beach, NC
March 11 - 15, 2009	Western NC SAR Exercise	Morganton, NC
March 20, 2009	FY2009 HSGP Deadline	DHS/FEMA
March 24, 2009	WebEOC Exercise	Statewide
April 2nd, 2009	Mass Care Tabletop Exercise Mtg	Raleigh, NC
April 5 - 10, 2009	National Hurricane Conference	Austin, TX
April 7, 2009	Shelter Exercise	Warren County
April 8, 2009	State Earthquake FE Midterm Planning Conference	TBA
April 17, 2009	SERC Meeting	Raleigh, NC
April 19 - 23, 2009	National REP Conference	Norfolk, VA